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SUBJECT: SOVIET MISSION INTEREST IN PUTTING UP NEW
BUILDING IN RIVERDALE

1) CONFIRMING KUTTNER-LEVITSKY TELECON, FOLLOWING IS STATE
OF PLAY WITH REGARD TO APPARENT SOVIET INTENTIONS TO
CONSTRUCT NEW 500-UNIT BUILDING IN OR NEXT TO SOVIET
COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE.

2) WE UNDERSTAND SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN OR HAVE
PURCHASED LOT AT 54-45 FIELDSTON ROAD, NEXT TO SOVIET
COMPLEX IN RIVERDATLE. SOVIETS HAVE NOT APPROACH USUN
RE: PURCHASE. AT OUR REQUEST, NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION
FOR UN CHECKED ITS RECORDS TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY COMMITMENT
MADE TO SOVIETS WHEN PROPERTY WAS FIRST PURCHASED. THERE
IS NO RECORD OF ANY SUCH COMMITMENT AND ATTORNEY WHO
REPRESENTED CITY COMMISSION AT TIME OF PURCHASE CAN RECALL
NO SUCH COMMITMENT. CITY COMMISSION HAS MAP OF AREA
SHOWING ONE SPOT IN GREEN WHICH STATES PROPERTY IS
AVAILABLE BUT HAS OTHER OWNER. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS
54-45 FIELDSTON ROAD OR IF THERE IS ANY OTHER CONNECTION.

3) MORNING OF DECEMBER 23RD, STEVE SALUP, A REPRESENTATIVE
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OF NATIONAL KINNEY PHONED USUN ON BEHALF OF HIS COMPANY.
HE SAID NATIONAL KINNEY, A NEW YORK-BASED DEVELOPER, WAS
DOING SOME WORK OF SOVIETS IN MOSCOW. HE SAID NATIONAL
KINNEY HAS OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER DEVELOP SOVIET PROPERTY
IN RIVERDALE. HE SAID PLAN WAS TO ERECT NEW BUILDING WITH
500 LIVING UNITS ON SITE OF PRESENT SOVIET COMPLEX.

PROBLEM, HE SAID, WAS THAT BUILDING REGULATIONS WOULD ALLOW ONLY 82 UNITS. IN THIS REGARD, HE ASKED IF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY ENJOYED BY SOVIETS WOULD PRECLUDE THEIR NEEDING TO REQUEST A ZONING VARIANCE.

4) WE ASKED SALUP IF NATIONAL KINNEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY SOVIETS. HE PERSISTED IN SAYING HE DID NOT KNOW. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SOVIET INTEREST IN PROPERTY AT 54-45 FIELDSTON ROAD.
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